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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of each non-U.S. patent document so listed is enclosed. Copies of U.S. patent documents are not enclosed, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a) as revised September, 2004 and pursuant to the waiver published at 1287 OG 163 (October, 2004).

- (1) Japan 7-241998
- (2) Japan 2000-289224
- (3) Japan 2004-82403
- (4) Japan 2004-106397
- (5) PCT/WO 00/58100

Documents (1) and (2) were discussed in the specification and might be deemed pertinent for the reasons given there.

Documents (3) and (4) were cited during prosecution of the parent PCT application to the subject application. A copy of the International Search Report was filed concurrently with the subject application.

Document (5) was cited during prosecution of the Japanese application corresponding to the subject application. A copy of the Japanese Office Action, which is dated September 8, 2006 is enclosed, together with an English language translation thereof.

U.S. Patent Application Publication 2005/270345 is believed to be an English language counterpart of Japan 2004-106397, and U.S. Patent 6,332,481 is believed to be an English language counterpart of PCT/WO 00/58100. Those U.S. publications are also listed on the attached form PTO-1449.

Inasmuch as this application has not yet received a first Office Action on the merits, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialling the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449.

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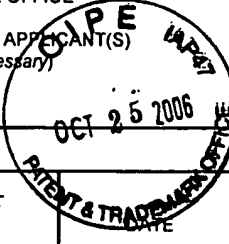
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